Subject No. 267.

Remissions during bad seasons.

Messrs. T. Krishna Row, Siddalinga Mari Devaru & Siddabasava Devaru.

Summary of discussion.—Full assessment is being levied every year, though for the past four years the dry and wet crops have suffered much, owing to failure of rains. It is requested that during seasons of drought remissions may be ordered in such cases as are certified to by the taluk authorities after personal inspection of the crops.

Reply of Government.—No general remission can be granted. Exceptional cases of hardship may be brought to notice.

Subject No. 268.

A Forest Depot at T. Narsipur.

Messrs. T. Krishna Rao, Siddalinga Mari Devaru, Siddabasava Devaru, and Srirangachar.

Summary of discussion.—A Forest Depôt had been temporarily opened at T. Narsipur. It was subsequently removed on the score that there was no demand at the place for building materials. But the fact was that the materials stored in the Depôt, being of an inferior nature and priced very high, they were not purchased by the taluk people. If good materials be supplied by the Depôt they will certainly find demand, the taluk being far away from forests. It is requested that a Depôt may be opened. If good materials and logs were sold, the Depôt would be a success.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Conservator of Forests for enquiry and needful action.

Subject No. 269.

Repairs to Sopanaghat at T. Narsipur.

Mr. T. Krishna Rao.

Summary of discussion.—When the question of re-construction of the Sopanaghat (flight of steps) to the river in front of the Gunja Narasimhaswami temple at T. Narsipur was urged for the favorable consideration of the Government, the Representatives were informed that the question was referred to the Local Fund Board for disposal. But no steps appear to have been taken in the matter. Much inconvenience is caused to the people. The present steps being narrow and unsuited for bathing and other purposes, early re-construction of the steps is prayed for.

Reply of Government.—An estimate for Rs. 1,160 has been sanctioned for the work.

Subject No. 270.

The division of the Sopanaghat at T. Narsipur.

Mr. T. Krishna Rao.

Summary of discussion.—The Sopanaghat at T. Narsipur not being divided into separate blocks for the exclusive use of the people of different castes and creeds, they indiscriminately mix at the Sopanaghat for bathing and other purposes. It is apprehended that this condition of things is likely to give rise to a breach of the public peace. As arranged in Mysore and other important places, the Sopanaghat may be divided into blocks, each block being set apart for the exclusive use of a particular community, sign-boards being put up indicating the same.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter for the Municipal Board, to which the Member should make a representation. Referred also to the President, Municipal Board.